

## PROMINENT PLAYERS

"A. McLEAN."

Allan McLean, the sprinting outside-right for the "Blue" Brigade, is a player of long standing for Pyrmont. He has played for "The Monks" Club for the past thirteen years, a record which is quite unique in these days of frequent transfers. It is his one and only Club. He has represented with the Metropolis 1st grade for five consecutive seasons, namely, in the years 1915-16-17-18 and 1919. He represented two years with the Metropolitan Junior Eleven and represented every year with the Australian Born Eleven. He also had the honor of scoring in every match which he "repped" in. That he still retains a lot of the speed which he possessed a few years ago, was demonstrated against Fernleigh Saturday last, when he broke away from the centre line and scored two excellent goals in quick succession. Like every player he has his bad points, and his chief one is the habit of "roving," still, this is a habit that he can quite easily overcome if he wills it.

## LETTER BAG.

Sydney,

24th June, 1922.

G. K. Martin, Esq.,—

While reading the "Soccer News" last week I was surprised to find that young Allen (capt. and left back) of St. Albans, Ultimo, was not among the Protestant Churches B Grade representatives. This player, although young, is a strong kicker, and uses both feet equally well.

His team have a great scoring average, 32 for and 5 against.

The small score against is due to the remarkable play of the "little captain."

I am an old soccerite, and know good talent when I see it, and young Allen is a coming player. I cannot understand why St. Albans are not represented, for they have a good centre forward in Stemmers, and a great back in Allen.—I remain, yours faithfully, A. RICHARDS.

## MANAGER'S DIARY.

## REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND TOUR (Continued).

June 1st to June 17th, 1922.

June 1st.—7.0 a.m.: Arrived Wellington from Nelson. 2.30 p.m.: Practice. 7.30 p.m.: In conference with New Zealand Council. 7.30 p.m.: Team in charge of Captain entertained at Pictures.

June 2nd.—2.30 p.m.: Practice. 7.30 p.m.: Party entertained by Mr. Graves, member of N.Z. Council.

June 3rd.—2.45 p.m.: Australia v. Wellington, at Basin Reserve. Attendance, 4000. Result: Australia 1, Wellington 3. 8.0 p.m.: Smoke concert and reception by Wellington Football Association. 9.25 p.m.: Eight members of party left smoke concert to attend reception at Savage Club. Received by Hon. Jos. Ward.

June 4th.—2.15 p.m.: Motor driving in and around Wellington; guests of W.F.A.

June 5th.—7.45 p.m.: Sailed per S.S. Maori, for Lyttleton, en route Greymouth.

June 6th.—7.0 a.m.: Arrived Lyttleton, entrained for Christchurch. Breakfast.

June 6th.—8.30 a.m.: Entrained for Arthur's Pass. 1.30 p.m.: Arrived Arthur's Pass. Dinner. 2.0 p.m.: Coach drive through Otira Gorge. 4.30 p.m.: Entrained Otira for Greymouth. 6.45 p.m.: Arrived Greymouth. Reception at Railway Station, and also public reception at Hotel by Mayor and Citizens of Greymouth. Brass band in attendance.

June 7th.—2.45 p.m.: Australia v. Westland. Attendance 2000. Gate receipts: £112. Result: Australia 2, Westland 1.

June 7th.—8 p.m.: Reception and smoke concert by Westland Football Association.

June 8th.—8.30 a.m.: Entrained for Christchurch.

June 8th.—6.30 p.m.: Arrived Christchurch.

June 8th.—8.0 p.m.: Guests of St. Albans F.C., social and dance.

June 9th.—10.30 a.m.: Morning tea. Guests of Beaths Limited.

June 9th.—12.0 a.m.: Civic reception.

June 9th.—3.45 p.m.: Attended Tepid Baths after practice.

June 9th.—8.0 p.m.: Guests of Fullers Ltd., theatre party.

June 10th.—2.45 p.m.: Australia v. South Island. Attendance (approx.) 4000. Gate receipts £220. Result: Australia 4, South Island 1.

June 10th.—6 p.m.: Official dinner.

June 10th.—8.0 p.m.: Guests of R.S.A. social and dance.

June 11th.—10.0 a.m.: Motor driving to New Brighton.

June 11th.—2.0 p.m.: Motor driving to Sumner.

June 11th.—6.0 p.m.: Invitation to residence of Mr. Sharman.

June 12th.—12.30 p.m.: Entrained for Dunedin.

June 12th.—9.25 p.m.: Arrived Dunedin.

June 13th.—12.30 p.m.: Civic reception.

June 13th.—2.30 p.m.: Practice.

June 14th.—2.15 p.m.: Motored to ground.

June 14th.—2.45 p.m.: Australia v. Otago. Gate (approx.) 4000. Receipts (approx.), £224. Result: Australia 2, Otago 1.

June 14th.—7.30 p.m.: Guests of Otago F.A., theatre party.

June 15th.—10.30 a.m.: Training Instructions of A. Mercer.

June 15th.—7.30 p.m.: Guests of Overseas Club.

June 16th.—10.30 a.m.: Training Instructor, A. Mercer.

June 17th.—2.45 p.m.: First Test, Australia v. New Zealand. Attendance, 10,000. Gate receipts, £730. Result: Australia 1, New Zealand 3.

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## PICTURE SHOW PROPRIETOR'S PRACTICAL SUPPORT.

Mr. Bert Madell, New Strand Theatre, Leichhardt, and Mr. Betts proprietor of the Amusu Theatre, Rozelle, are certainly doing much for the game. Each week they screen notices of our matches. It is support of this nature that will bring the code rapidly to the fore.

The management of the Marlborough Picture Show Norton St., Leichhardt, is also deserving of the thanks of Soccer enthusiasts for its support in this direction.

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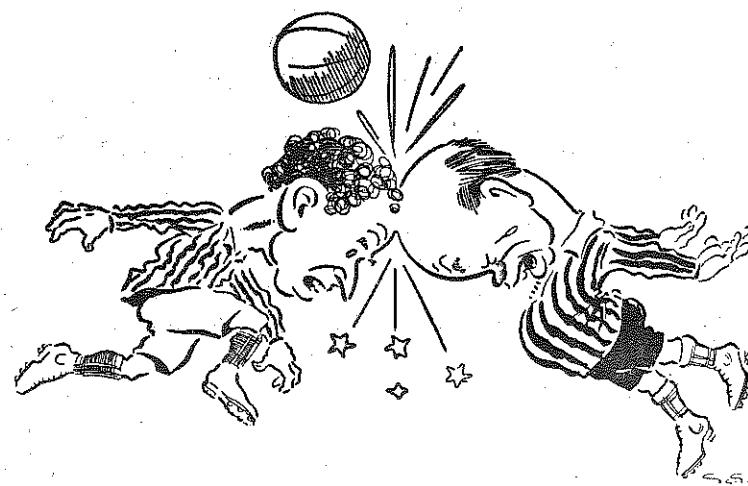
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### THE IRONY OF FATE.

After making repeated appeals to have his suspension lifted, A. Burns, of Pyrmont Rangers, finally succeeded at a special general meeting, which decided to reinstate him, as from the 24th June last. On that date he appeared for the first time this season, against Granville. During the progress of the game he fell and was so severely injured that it was found necessary to remove him to St. Joseph's Hospital, Auburn, where it was discovered that he had sus-

tained a compound fracture of the right arm. He is likely to remain in hospital for another month.

Mr. Garrard (hon. sec., Pyrmont Rangers) desires to thank the Granville officials for their spontaneous and practical aid.

Mr. Burns is the only member of his club not insured. With a view of making good some of his monetary loss, an energetic committee is organising a euchre party and dance, which is to take place at Leigh House on 23rd August, 1922.

Entries for the Nurse Cup controlled by the Illawarra District Association close with Mr. S. F. Cope, Hospital Road, Bulli, at an early date.

Entries are confined to teams within a radius of 70 miles of Woonona, this debars teams affiliated to Newcastle and Lithgow Associations.

### NURSE CUP.

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## The Soccer News

### EDITORIAL.

To visit a Trophy Room, where are displayed emblems of Sport, is to send a thrill through every fibre.

The Pennant, the Cup, the Oar, the Ball; how they awaken the memory.

Scenes of the past become vivid. The surging crowd, the excited faces, the shouts of victory; other days are lived over again, and there is great joy and inspiration in recalling them.

To succeed in the contests of Sport, whatever its sphere, is to have an experience of pleasure which scarcely surpassed.

In all Sports there is a goal to be reached. It lays beyond many intervening obstacles; difficulties; and in some cases, dangers, and to attain that goal the players must concentrate all efforts on it.

Sport is the rallying base of all the scattered forces in the human form, and provides ample opportunity to test the courage of all manly traits. An intelligent mind must be brought into service and a physical frame developed if the player would climb to the crowned heights.

How magnificent it is to see a contest where players strain and struggle to the utmost for supremacy; and then when the contest is ended victor and vanquished meet in social and harmonious intercourse.

Think of those great international contests styled the "OLYMPIC GAMES" where the pride and power of the different nations—nations armed to the teeth to slay one another; they know not why—meet in friendly rivalry; fight with every sinew extended and then shake hands as comrades. Must not these gatherings bring even the nations in closer relations?

And is it too much to hope that mankind may see a new vision? Instead of the old idolatry of glorifying war with all its bloodshed and misery; they may embrace a new ideal in which the greatness of the nations may be discovered in the triumphs of Sport.

### SECOND TEST MATCH.

Australia v. New Zealand.

A Drawn Game.

Record Gate for Soccer.

The weather conditions were excellent for the big match and the ground in good order, despite the rain the night before. His Excellency the Governor-General and suite arrived just before the game started, and Lord Jellicoe shook hands with the members of both teams, expressing his pleasure at being given the opportunity to see the game. The game was much more "willing" than the last one played here, as the Australian officials admitted, three New Zealanders and two Australians being injured, although they were able to resume play after intervals. The play was fast owing to the dry ground, and the visitors seemed the fleetest generally, while the visiting half-backs played an admirable game, destroying many of the rushes initiated by the New Zealanders. The attendance is estimated at over 12,000, and the park was a great spectacle.

Following were the teams:

New Zealand.—R. Claxton (Auckland), R. Braithwaite (South Auckland), R. McAuley (Otago), W. Brownlee (Wellington), I. Corbett (Auckland), D. G. Jones (Wellington), W. R. Brundell (Otago), W. Anton (Wellington), E. Cook (Southland), G. M. Campbell (Wellington, captain), C. W. Ballard (Wellington).

Australia.—G. Cartwright (N.S.W.), A. Fisher (N.S.W.), vice-captain, D. Cumberland (Q.), P. Doyle (N.S.W.), A. Gibb (Q.), captain, C. Shenton (Q.), W. Dane (N.S.W.), W. Bratten (Q.), W. Maund (N.S.W.), J. Cumberland (Q.), T. Thompson (N.S.W.).

### THE GAME DESCRIBED.

From the outset it was seen that the game was to be a willing one, and this was borne out by fact. Both teams were all out, the result being that till within 20 minutes of the finish good football was not seen as it should be. The game ended in a draw, and this is a fair

criterion of the play. In fact, on the day the Australians deserved to win, but it was owing principally to their bad shooting that they lost the match. The writer has been connected with Soccer Football for 20 years, and never before has he seen so many accidents occur on the field in a game. Instead of it being an international match, it savoured more in the nature of a cup tie. The explanation for this may lay in that the visitors were out to win the second test and the New Zealand representatives were just as determined to prevent them from drawing even. In comparison with the first test, the match on Saturday was not in it as a game. At Dunedin the previous Saturday both teams gave a good exhibition of the game as it should be played, the same as was done in Christchurch, when the visitors met the pick of the South Island. There cond Test. Whether it was that was something lacking in the se both teams were nervous and were endeavouring to get each other's strength, or that neither side was out to take risks, was difficult to say, but the fact remains that there was too much playing the man instead of the ball.

### FIRST SPELL.

The visitors won the toss and elected to play with the wind and what sun there was in their favour. Early in the game Bratten, who played a hard game right through, was prominent. He passed beautifully to J. Cumberland, who, through over-eagerness, missed a chance. The visitors pressed their opponents hard, and again Bratten shot hard and wide. New Zealand now took a hand at the attack, and were kept out by hard tackling on the part of the visitors' backs. A little later Maund put in a great shot, which Claxton, the New Zealand keeper, tipped over the bar. Away came the Blacks in full force, D. Cumberland and Fisher for the Blues saving a difficult situation. Whilst they were both going for the ball Corbett (centre-half for New Zealand) and Brown (centre-forward for Australia) unfortunately collided, the result being that

they were both knocked out. The former was compelled to retire with a cut over the left eye. Australia continued to attack strongly, J. Cumberford having a shot which went wide. Soon afterwards Braithwaite conceded a corner to save a strong attack led by Ward, the visitors' outside-right. The latter again secured, and gave the New Zealand keeper an anxious few moments, he having to first out. Then Bratten had a go at goal, the New Zealanders spoiling his chances, and getting possession of the ball, raced up the field towards their opponents' goal. An excellent chance was spoiled by Brundell (outside right) shooting wide. Now came a great attack by the Blacks, led by Brundell. He centred well. Fisher, who slipped, was beaten, and the New Zealand outside left, coming strong, put the ball across to Cook (centre forward). The Southland representative made no mistake. He shot hard, and Cartwright, running out of his goal, endeavoured to save, and missed. Ten minutes after the start the New Zealanders had landed the ball in the net.

New Zealand ..... 1  
Australia ..... 0

The advent of Corbett on the field of play was the signal for a strong New Zealand attack, but the visitors' defence was too solid, and once again they attacked strongly. It was only on account of Ward's indifferent speed that a goal was not scored. Just as Mauder was crippled, the visitors attacked strongly, and from a nice piece of continued play Bratten shot hard. Croxton fielded the ball laying right out, but stepped back with it over the line, and Referee Lithgow gave a goal, making the scores level twenty-five minutes after the start.

Australia ..... 1  
New Zealand ..... 1

A hands against Campbell relieved pressure on the Australians' goal, and getting the ball well away, Brown put in a shot which went over the bar. At this stage, Mauder returned to the field, Ward going to the outside right position. It was only by determined opposition that the New Zealanders kept the visitors out. Several of the visitors' attempts were spoilt by bad shooting. After having been starved for a long time, Brundell got away on his own, and with practically an open goal the speedy New Zealand outside right shot hard. Cartwright was equal to

the occasion, however, and after punching out he ran forward and bounced the ball and kicked it clear, thus relieving a most dangerous position. At this stage Mauder returned to his position at inside left, Ward continuing outside. Braithwaite was playing a very safe game at right back for the Blacks, and he was ably supported by McAuley.

It can be safely said that up till now neither team was giving a good exposition of Soccer football. They were starving their wings, and the kicking was not as good as in other matches of the team. It appeared as if each side was testing the strength of the other, and playing a waiting game. It was one in which there was no pace and no spectacular football, and half-time came with no alteration in the score.

#### SECOND SPELL.

Making no bones about it, the visitors opened the second spell with a strong attack, but want of combination lost them several chances. Amidst great excitement, the Australians came at the attack again and again, and Claxton was called upon to save some difficult shots, which he did well. The style of play had not improved, there being too much wild kicking, and too much waiting for the man. The two teams still appeared to be waiting for each other, and just for a little while the New Zealand representatives appeared to be tiring. Gibb, the visitors' skipper, who was playing a great game, was ably supported by P. Doyle, who made some brilliant solo runs on the right-wing. It was when the latter player was at his best that he received a severe kick on the right leg which necessitated his retirement for a spell. With ten men against them, the Blacks attacked strongly, and gave the big crowd a taste of what they could do if they played football. The spectators were raised to a high pitch of enthusiasm on account of the better class of football which was being played. With the New Zealanders still attacking, P. Doyle went on again, and from a foul by an Australian a beautiful shot was put in by Jones, which Cartwright saved splendidly by conceding a corner. The Blacks kept the visitors very busy, and Cartwright was called on to save repeatedly. Then the Australians got away on their own, and it looked like a certain

It was a great game towards the finish, and the score, one all, was a fair ending.

#### CHANGE OF FIXTURES

No doubt Wentworth Park patrons will be surprised at the alteration of to-day's fixtures. The change was brought about by several draws that eventually last Saturday's Gardiner Cup matches. It is essential that the first round be disposed of by to-day. However, after Canterbury's meritorious performance in playing a draw with Pyrmont last week this afternoon's match should prove to be very interesting.

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## FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 8th JULY, 1922.

#### FIRST GRADE.

(1st Division).

Pyrmont Rangers v. Gladesville deferred.

Pyrmont v. Granville, deferred.

Balmain Fernleigh v. East Suburbs, Centennial Park, 3.15 (Hayes). Canterbury v. Balmain, deferred.

#### (2nd Division).

Burns Anniv. v. Sydney, Mascot Park, 3.15 (Alexander).

Auburn v. North Sydney, Auburn Park, 3.15 (A. L. Peaty).

Campsie Thistle v. B'main Scottish, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (Gill).

Com. Dockyard v. Lancashire Socy., deferred.

#### SECOND GRADE.

#### "A" Division.

Manly v. Metters A, Easton Park, 3.15 (Freeman).

Annan. Altona v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Easton Park, 1.45 (Burns).

Botany Albion v. Hornsby Athletic, Booralee Oval, 3.15 (Bates).

Sunlight v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl, 3.15 (C. R. Brown).

Metters A, the bye.

"B" Division.  
Parramatta District v. Drummoynes, Parramatta Park, 3.15.  
Two Blues, the bye.

Callan Park v. West Sydney, Callan Park, 1.45 (Lukeman).

St. George Dist. v. Rozelle Rovers, Brereton Park, 3.15 (McDougall).

Hurstville United v. Abbotsford Dist., Dumbleton Park, 3.15 (H. Read).

#### "C" Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Railway Thistle, Mascot Park, 1.45 (Allen).

Gladesville Hospital, the bye.

Punch Park v. Botany Albion, Booralee, 1.45 (Hargett).

Annan. Altona v. West Sydney, Brereton Park, 1.45 (O'Hearn).

Metters v. Garden Island, Lyne Park, 3.15 (Berry).

#### N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (GARDINER CUP).

Pyrmont Rangers v. Thirroul, at the South Coast.

Gladesville v. Woonona, at the South Coast.

Two Blues v. Com. Dockyard, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (Kerr).

Canterbury v. Pyrmont, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (Wright).

## FIXTURES FOR 15th JULY, 1922.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Canterbury, Wentworth Oval, 1.45.

Pyrmont v. Balmain Gladstone, Wentworth Oval, 3.15.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Gladesville, Easton Park, 3.15.

Eastern Subs. v. Granville, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

Burns Anniv. v. Lancashire Socy., Mascot Park, 3.15.

Auburn v. Com. Dockyard, Auburn Park, 3.15.

Campsie Thistle v. Sydney, Hosp. Ground, Canterbury Road, 3.15.

Balmain Scottish v. North Sydney, Ibrox, 3.15.

#### Second Grade "A" Division.

Manly v. Hornsby Athletic, Brookvale, 3.15.

Annan. Altona v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl, 3.15.

Gladesville v. Sunlight, Brereton Park, 3.15.

Metters, the bye.

#### "B" DIVISION.

Parramatta Dist. v. West Sydney, Ibrox Park, 1.45.

Two Blues v. Abbotsford Dist., Rosehill, 3.15.

Callan Park, the bye.

St. George Dist. v. Hurstville United, Cook Park, 3.15.

Drummoynes v. Rozelle Rovers, Brereton Park, 1.45.

#### "C" DIVISION.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Botany Alb., Booralee, 3.15.

Punch Park v. Gladesville Hosp., The Hospital, 1.45.

Metters Ltd. receive forfeit from Annandale Altona.

Railway Thistle v. West Sydney, Mascot Park, 1.45.

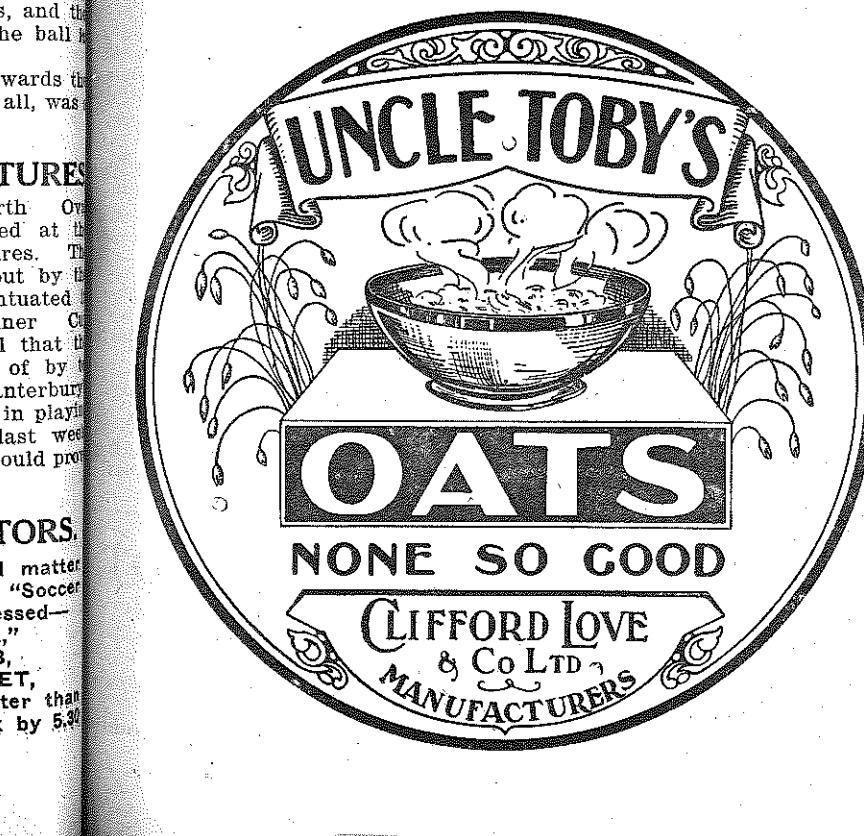
Garden Is., the bye.

#### WITHDRAWAL.

Annandale Altona B has withdrawn from the Competition.

#### PYRMONT RANGERS.

The Euchre Party and Dance held on Wednesday night was a great success. The dancing competitions were danced before a large muster. Mr. Best and partner won the One Step, while Mr. W. Malm won the Waltzing Competition. The prizes where gold medals, donated by Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Andeigas, and "George," in Sussex Street. Miss Mason and Mr. Gus. Tange won the Euchre prizes.



**"JACK BURCHAM."**

Jack Burcham, the sterling inside left for Pyrmont, has very few peers in that position. He began his football career as captain of North Annandale School Soccer Team, who were the undefeated Premiers in 1914. In 1915, he "repped" with Balmain District and New South Wales Schoolboys against Queensland Schoolboys' Team. In 1916 he played in the under 16 competition with Orange Grove. In 1917-18, he was a member of Annandale under 18 team, and in 1919 with Annandale Altona, who won the Granville Cup and medals for under 17 players. In the same year, although only 17 years of age, he played with Annandale firsts in the Kerr Cup Competition. In 1920 he played with Annandale Second Team, and later transferred to the same club's first eleven. In this year he figured as inside left for Annandale first, who ran into the semi-final of the Gardiner Cup. Last season he again stripped for Annandale First, and this year he transferred to Pyrmont First Grade. He is a very capable player, indeed, possesses an excellent shooting ability if he could be persuaded to shoot at the goals a little oftener. He has certainly filled a big gap on the "Blues" forward line, as Pyrmont have been badly in need of an inside left for a couple of seasons past. R. Osborne and he are perhaps the finest left wing pair playing in the Metropolitan Area.

**W. G. FOULDS.**

Gordon Foulds, Eastern Suburbs' clever outside right, has had a varied and successful career as a footballer.

During 1912 he represented Eng-

land against Scotland twice in Calgary, Canada. Played with Skelmersdale United when they won the George Mahon Challenge Cup, and were runners-up in the Liverpool Cup in 1913-14. In 1916 he twice represented the Royal Air Force against Norwich City — scoring three goals in the two matches. Selected in 1919 to represent the R.E.F. Royal Air Force team to tour England, but the chance of demobilisation came along and he took it. During 1919-20 he helped Skelmersdale United to win the Liverpool Cup and the Liverpool County Combination Championship, and ably assisted the same club to again win the Liverpool Cup in 1920-21, scoring over 25 goals in the two seasons, League and Cup Ties, from the outside right position. He has also played with Southport and Everton Reserves in the Central League.

The Gardiner Cup game between

Burns Anniversary and Campsie Thistle resulted in a win for Burns by 3-0.

The game needs no description, as it was spoiled by Campsie fielding a weak team. They ought to pull themselves together, as their position in the League is getting serious.

Knott did some tricky work.—Tied the Aussies in a knot.

Two Blues Junior and West Ryde were unable to fulfil their fixtures on account of Motor troubles.—That Tyred feeling.

Gallon played up to his reputation.—A reputed Gallon.

Sheer hard luck prevented Catts from scoring.—Poor Pussy.

**POT SHOTS.**

An explanation of some terms you occasionally hear:—

His bosom friend's a "Cobber,"

A horse a "Prad" or "Moke."

While a casual acquaintance

Is a "Joker" or a "Bloke."

His Sunday girl's his "Donah,"

While his everyday sweetheart

Is his "Little bit of muslin,"

His "Cliner" or his "Tart."

If he hits a man in fighting,

It is what he calls a "Plug";

If he borrows money from you,

He will say "He bit your lug."

To steal it is to "Shake it,"

To "Strike it" is to beg;

To jest is "Poking borick,"

Or he'll say he "Pulled your leg."

Boyle in goal was invaluable to Thirroul.—Better a Boyle in the goal than a Boil on your neck.

The Corrimal game was full of Spirits.—And the train they travelled by was full of empty bottles.

The Referee was giving a kick for breaking Law 9.—The player argued the point. One player said he had nothing to do with it. Another said he didn't touch it. A third player said if he broke the law it must have been cracked before he kicked it.

Dean was the pick of the Churches.—We will make him an Archbishop next season. He deserves it.

"Mac"—another question. If you were refereeing a ladies' football match and one of the players stockings came down, what would you do? Suspender?

Who says, "You can't sit on Thistle?" BURNS CLUB did twice last week.

With the Scotch tongue and boiling down works the air at MacCot Park was thick last Saturday.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT:**

Metropolitan elevens who have qualified for the next round of Gardiner Cup games are Granville, Balmain Fernleigh, Auburn, Balmain Gladstone, and Sydney.

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Balgownie, West Wallsend (holders), and Kurri Kurri were also successful.

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The Australian team defeated Auckland by four goals to one last Saturday.

Hornsby Athletic, Parramatta District, and Pyrmont Rangers lead in their respective divisions of the Second Grade competition.

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"Cases of handling the ball and tripping, pushing, kicking, or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind, may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no offence is committed."—"Mac."

★ ★ ★

Granville and Gladesville have played two drawn games this season—four goals each in the first round, and a scoreless draw last Monday week.

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Two Second League clubs—Annandale Altona and Two Blues—made a great showing against Balmain Gladstone and Cockatoo Dockyard respectively in the challenge round of State Championship games.

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Tommy Keith, the ex-Annandale half back and back, has "definitely retired" on numerous occasions during recent years, but his latest move is "definitely forward" to the pivot position for the Protestant Churches representative team.

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The Australian team is scheduled to return on or about the 18th instant.

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Burns Anniversary have won their last three games by 3-0, and look like making a good finish.

**PROGRAMME**

EASTON PARK—3.1. p.m.

SATURDAY, 8th JULY, 1922.

REFEREE: MR. S. FREEMAN.

**MANLY** v. **METTERS A**  
(Red and Two Blue Stripes) (Blue and White Halves)

EARLY MATCH—1.45 p.m.

REFEREE, MR. BURNE.

**ANNANDALE** v. **N.S.W. FIRE BRIGADE**  
(Blue and White Stripes) (Black with White V)

CENTENNIAL PARK, 3.15 p.m.

**BALMAIN FERNLEIGH** v. **EASTERN SUBURBS.**

Referee: Mr. Hayes.

**BALMAIN FERNLEIGH.** (Blue and Gold Halves) **EASTERN SUBURBS.** (Red, White and Blue Stripes)

A. Law.

1 R. Ledbetter	2 H. Batten	1 G. Smart	2 W. B. James
13 H. K. Porter	15 J. Adams	3 A. P. Harry	5 A. V. Hunter
	3 J. Fisher	4 A. Manuel	
11 F. Baxter	6 G. Turner	6 W. G. Foulds	7 A. Gallagher
	7 A. Phillips	8 J. R. Thomas	
9 F. Hancock	10 F. Yabsley	9 R. S. Reeves	10 T. Stacy
Reserve: 12 S. Johnson.			

W. A. Johnston.

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6 W. G. Foulds	7 A. Gallagher
7 A. Phillips	8 J. R. Thomas
9 R. S. Reeves	10 T. Stacy
Reserve: 11 B. Greer.	

Watson, Jordison, and Denham were the pick of the forwards, while the backs were a very even lot. If the forwards get the goal scoring habit this team would take a lot of beating, the general play being good, with only the finish lacking.

acity some three or four seasons back. He ultimately became trainer for the "Bursts," and was later appointed to the Association's P. and D. Committee. Having taken over a newsagent's business at the tram terminus, Pyrmont, he severed his active interest in the Canterbury Club, but continued as a vice-president, a position he also held, we believe, with the Pyrmont Rangers' team. A likeable man, who was ever willing to assist in the advancement of the Soccer code, his loss to the game will be sorely felt. We trust he will soon be able to get about again, and renew his old acquaintanceship with Wentworth Oval, but unfortunately at the present he can only be moved with the aid of an invalid's chair.

**"LES GALLAGHER."**

It is with regret we hear of the continued illness of Mr. Les. Gallagher, late of Campsie and Pyrmont, who has been unable to follow any occupation for a considerable time, and it is feared he is totally disabled, following an acute attack of meningitis. Les. has been a Soccer enthusiast ever since he was prevailed upon to join the Canterbury team in an honorary cap-

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# PROMMEE

Wentworth Park

SATURDAY, JULY 1922.  
PYRMONT CANTERBURY

Referee: W. Dallison.  
Linesmen: J. and W. Dallison.

## PYRMONT (Blue)

Goalkeeper  
R. McDonald

### Fullbacks

1—J. Crum 2—S. Anderson

### Halves

5—C. Timms 4—J. Gray

### Forwards

6—A. Maclean 8—S. Alewood

7—J. Maitland

### Reserves:

11—W. BRITTON

12—J. CORNWALL

Wentworth Park

3 p.m.  
R. KERR.

## TWO BLUES.

(Two Blue Stripes)  
Goalkeeper

J. Newhouse  
Full backs

1—S. Griffen

### Halves

3—N. Hill 4—S. Hawksley

### Forwards

6—C. Mace 8—G. Hopkins

### 10—B. Dunn

7—T. Houston 9—W. Galloway

### Reserve:

11—J. Humphries

### 2—W. Mace

### 5—A. Chapman

10—B. Dunn

9—W. Galloway

11—J. Humphries

## PROTESTANT CHURCHES

With the end of the First Round, Lachlan Rangers A have a lead of four points. However, Chalmers have yet to meet L.O.L. 46 in the First Round, and this match will probably result in bringing Chalmers two points nearer the leaders. Austens F.C. were surprised last Saturday by Austral Waratahs A who defeated them, 2-1. The Red and Whites could not see the goal for looking in the second half. Unless they learn to shoot they're liable to be further down the list. Griensteine is playing well for the Waratahs. St. Aidans A and Willoughby are rather a long way down, but should still prove dangerous to their opponents. The Blue and Whites are still lacking in their attack. Praise is due to Secretary Captain Hetherington, of Willoughby, for the manner in which he is holding his team together. The Nutten Bros. are a fine acquisition in the defence, as is Duncan in the halves. Lachlan Rangers A meet Willoughby St. Stephen at Beauchamp Park to-day, and I do not think the scores will be the same as the last meeting, 10-2 in favor of the Rangers.

The A Division of the Second Grade is very interesting, five teams being a point behind each other. Alex. Mission are rather low down, considering their fine start, but the absence of S. King is perhaps largely to blame. Lachlan Rangers B are meeting a few reverses, but still they have had some bad luck. Captain Wonsley says he'll pull through yet. All Souls A have wakened up this season, and look like remaining near the top. Captain Travers says he is only afraid of one team, and that's Lakemba Congs. A. Travers and Beardmore (Weary Lewis and Bunny) are doing good work for the Souls. Leichhardt Methodists are waking up, too, bit late; still, not too late to be dangerous to the leaders in the coming round. They might have All Souls thinking to-day. Lakemba Congs. A and Lachlan Rangers B should be an interesting game at Waterloo to-day, with the odds in favor of the County boys.

In B Division we have two teams equal almost to goal average. St. Albans are a slightly heavier combination, but the Congs. are very nippy, and both look like meeting

in a final. St. Annes are five points further away third, but they're liable to be nearer the leaders before long. Hurlstone Park Congs. are the only other team likely to trouble the leaders seriously, and if their forwards were like their goalie, they would do so. St. Johns have a couple of good players (Chapman and Rowe), but two men do not make a team. St. Andrews is a team who never has any luck with it, but it's a long road with no turning, and they may do better this round.

In Third Grade, though St. Bedes only have a one point lead, they also have a match to play with St. Albans. Simmons and Horn are playing great for St. Bedes. With players like Geering and Holt, Austens Juniors should be far higher on the list than they are. St. Albans and St. Bedes meet at Meadowbank to-day for the first time, and a great match should result. I would not like to make any forecast on the match. Tempe Park Meth., with Killeen and Judd, may prove dangerous this round, but it is doubtful if they can catch the leaders. Botany Meth. and All Souls B met last Saturday, a draw being the result. Both teams are level—at the wrong end of the table.

## DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 15th JULY.

## First Grade.

Lachlan Rangers v. Lakemba Meth. A, on Waterloo, at 3.15.

Chalmers City v. St. Aidans A, on Hurlstone Park, at 3.15.

L.O.L. 46, v. Will. St. Stephens, on Waterloo, at 1.45.

Austral Waratah A v. All Saints, on Hurlstone Park, at 1.45.

Austens F.C., the bye.

## Second Grade, A Division.

All Souls A v. Dulwich Hill Bap. A, on Meadowbank, at 2.30.

Leichhardt Meth. v. Alex. Mission, on the Flat, at 3.15.

St. Aidans B v. Lakemba Congs. A, on Fivedock, at 3.15.

Balmain Pres. v. Enmore Tabs., on Wardell Road, No. 2, at 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers B, the bye.

## Second Grade, B Division.

Alex. Congs. v. Austral Waratah B, on Centen. Park, at 3.15.

Dulwich Hill Bap. B v. Hurlstone Park Congs., on Wardell Road, No. 2, at 1.45.

St. Johns v. Newtown Congs., on Wardell Road, No. 1, at 1.45.

St. Annes v. St. Albans, on Wardell Road, No. 1, at 3.15.

St. Andrews, the bye.

## Third Grade.

All Souls B v. St. Oswalds, on The Flat, at 1.45.

Austens Juniors v. St. Albans, on Centen. Park, at 1.45.

Lakemba Congs. B v. Tempe Park Meth., on Lakemba, at 3.15.

Botany Meth. v. St. Peters, on Fivedock, at 1.45.

Lakemba Meth. B, the bye.

## Inter-Division Matches.

St. Andrews v. Lakemba Meth. B, at Lakemba, at 1.45.

## First Grade.

Lachlan Rangers "A", 17 points; Austens F.C., 13; Chalmers City, 12; St. Aidans "A", 11; Will. St. Stephens, 11; All Saints, 8; Austral Waratah "A", 7; L.O.L. 46, 5; Lakemba Meth. "A", 4.

\* One match deferred on account of no ground available.

## Second Grade, A Division.

Lakemba Congs. "A", 15 points; All Souls "A", 14; Dul. Hill Bap. "A", 13; Lachlan Rangers "B", 12; Alex. Mission, 11; St. Aidans "B", 7; Leichhardt Meth., 7; Balmain Pres., 6; Enmore Tabernacle, 5.

## Second Grade, B Division.

Alex. Congs., 17 points; St. Albans, 17; St. Annes, 12; Hurlstone Park Congs., 10; St. Johns, 9; Dul. Hill Bap. "B", 8; Newtown Congs., 7; Austral Waratah "B", 6; St. Andrews, 3.

\* One match deferred on account of no ground available.

## Third Grade.

\* St. Bedes, 16 points; Lakemba Congs. "B", 15; St. Albans, 13; Tempe Park Meth., 12; Lakemba Meth. "B", 12; St. Oswalds, 8; Austens Juniors, 8; Botany Meth., 3; All Souls "B", 3.

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## GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION.

Another round was disposed of last Saturday, and generally the results were close. A gratifying feature in the recent games is the marked improvement in form shown by most of the teams. This applies more especially to Arnotts.

Leichhardt Meth. v. Alex. Mission, on the Flat, at 3.15.

St. Aidans B v. Lakemba Congs. A, on Fivedock, at 3.15.

Balmain Pres. v. Enmore Tabs., on Wardell Road, No. 2, at 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers B, the bye.

## Second Grade, B Division.

Alex. Congs. v. Austral Waratah B, on Centen. Park, at 3.15.

Dulwich Hill Bap. B v. Hurlstone Park Congs., on Wardell Road, No. 2, at 1.45.

St. Johns v. Newtown Congs., on Wardell Road, No. 1, at 1.45.

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St. Andrews, the bye.

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\* One match deferred on account of no ground available.

## PROGRAMME

BRERETON PARK—3.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 8th JULY, 1922.

REFEREE: MR. J. McDougall.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT v. ROZELLE ROVERS

(Red and White Stripes) (Green and Gold Stripes)

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

REFEREE: MR. L. GILL

CAMPSIE THISTLE v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH

(Black with White Band) (Red and White Stripes)

## COMPETITION TABLE.

## All Age.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Kewpies	7	7	—	—	1	68	4	16
Holroyd	9	7	2	—	—	23	8	14
West Ryde	7	6	1	—	—	22	8	12
Volunteers	8	5	3	—	1	19	15	12
Arnott's	8	5	3	—	—	22	30	10
Lidcombe	9	3	6	—	—	22	34	6
Rangers	8	2	6	—	1	7	52	6
United	8	3	5	—	—	20	22	6
St. John's	8	1	7	—	—	10	45	2

## Juniors.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Auburn Jrs.	7	7	—	—	1	50	1	16
Two Blues	7	5	2	—	2	39	17	14
Carlingford	8	5	2	1	1	27	27	13
West Ryde	7	4	3	—	2	11	18	12
Lidcombe	8	2	5	1	2	18	28	9
Kewpies	8	1	5	2	1	11	31	6
Rovers	7	—	—	—	1	2	38	2

## Juveniles.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Carlingford	7	6	—	1	1	20	2	15
Two Blues	6	4	1	2	1	14	6	13
West Ryde	6	4	2	—	2	6	5	12
Kewpies	7	3	1	3	1	16	10	11
Lidcombe	7	3	4	1	2	17	13	9
Auburn Con.	8	2	6	—	1	4	15	6
Rovers	8	0	8	—	1	2	28	2

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## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like you to ventilate a grievous injustice, which, in my opinion, is being meted out to the lessees of Easton Park, Fernleigh, Gladstones and Sunlight Clubs, in reference to the fixtures for this ground.

It is a well-known fact that Fernleigh have the better following of the three clubs concerned, and have had only three games on the ground, and one only because Wentworth Park was unavailable. These three clubs are under a big expense for the ground, and it is not encouraging the game if this is how they are to be treated in their plucky attempt to oust Rugby League for this ground.

I will cite an instance: Fernleigh played Easts early at Wentworth Park, and on Saturday at the Cricket Ground, and now they have to go to Centennial Park on the 8th, while their own ground has no first-class fixture for that day.

The clubs have a lot of leeway to make up to clear themselves on their outlay, and a few more games will be required to do it.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the fixture committee will take this in the spirit it is written, and stand by these clubs in the future allotment of grounds.—I am, etc.,

"ENTHUSIAST."

Carlingford and Kewpies met at Blaxelle Street. The Fords could hardly spare the point, but they had to be contented with a draw—2 each.

Two Blues had no trouble in stopping the Rovers, 9-0. Blues will probably have to dispute the final with Auburn.

Pleasure was great at the announcement that Alf. Jennings has been declared fit by the Dr.

Local readers, please note. May Alf. have many more seasons with us, and be free from any more brutal attacks.

Sometimes they like to win on a "penalty." As many points as a porcupine, some of these lads.

Carlingford "Merry Farmers" and the Kewpies like their Juniors were

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### THE GARDINER CUP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your suggestion that entries in the Gardiner Cup should be confined to first grade clubs, it is questionable if its adoption would advantage the game any, or even help—possibly the main object behind the idea—the gate takings.

One requires to be convinced that the best exponents of Soccer are embraced in the two divisions of the first grade metropolitan premiership, and the senior competitions at Newcastle and the South Coast. In the first place, no qualifications are essential to ensure entry in first grade football, other than the hardihood and assurance to nominate. Any new club may enter if it has a mind to, with results that are frequently farcical.

Further, the performances of the first grade have been inconsistent, and, on the whole, disappointing. Take a few instances: Pyrmont defeated Fernleigh twice, was defeated by Gladstone, and has not quite recovered from the shock of last Saturday at Canterbury, when it met the supposed booby of the class. Gladstone in turn went down to Gladesville, and Gladesville was badly trounced by Fernleigh. The Dockyard team, almost a certainty for promotion to the first division next season, are congratulating themselves that things panned out no worse—a draw—against

Two Blues, a Granville District club; and the Balmain Scottish were passed out of the sudden death competition by Auburn, a club in the initial stage of first grade football. If the performance goes for anything, Two Blues is superior to about seven clubs engaged in first grade football; and, had they cared to enter for it, would have justified their inclusion in the second division.

Another point; with rare exceptions, it is something more than the luck of the draw which finds a club still battling after two rounds for the trophy, and when it happens to be an outsider, let us give them all the encouragement possible. The Gardiner Cup is their only chance of the limelight, and we have seen more than one match this season which should have been played in the dark, if only for the good of the turnstile.—I am, etc., A.B.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Reading A. B.'s comment re the match of Pyrmont Rangers and Balmain Gladstones makes me believe that he has no idea of sportsmanship. I was standing within five yards of the accident, and I can say as a disinterested onlooker his remarks are uncalled for. The distinction between brisk and vigorous action at foul play, he has yet to learn. The remarks from Gladstones about foul play were heard by me or by a friend, who is a supporter of Gladstones. In my opinion the Rangers did not fall from grace through alleged foul play; they have made a name for themselves, for fair play, and for sportsmen.

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### THE REFEREE.

By "MAC."

"Laws of the Game," continued. Law Eleven: "A goal may be scored from a free kick which is awarded because of any infringement of Law Nine, but not from any other free kick."

Special notice should be taken of the fact that a goal may be scored direct, whether the ball touches a player of either side or not if the free kick is awarded for tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at, holding, pushing, violently or dangerously charging an opponent, charging an opponent illegally from behind, or handling the ball (breaches of Law Nine). But it must be remembered that a free kick awarded for any other breach of the Laws does not come under this regulation. A goal cannot be scored direct from a kick off, corner kick, or goal kick; or from free kicks awarded for the following breaches of Laws:

(a) Player playing the ball a second time before it has been played by another player after throwing in or taking a free kick or a penalty kick.  
(b) Off side.  
(c) Carrying by goal-keeper.  
(d) Charging goal-keeper at wrong time, the charging being otherwise fair.  
(e) Playing the ball before it has touched the ground after being thrown down.

(f) Ball not kicked forward from a penalty kick.  
(g) Improper throw in.  
(h) Dangerous play.

Players should remember that a goal may be scored from a free kick imposed for infringements of Law Nine.

Law Twelve does not actually deal with the game, but is one that is very important in many ways, and is not generally known.

"A player shall not wear any nails, except such as have their heads driven in flush with the leather, or metal plates or projections, or gutta-percha, on his boots or on his shin guards. If bars or studs on the soles or heels of the boots are used, they shall not project more than half an inch, and shall have all their fastenings driven in flush with the leather. Bars shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width, and shall extend from side

to side of the boot. Studs shall be round in plan, not less than half an inch in diameter, and in no case conical or pointed. Any player discovered infringing this Law shall be prohibited from taking further part in the match. The referee shall, if required, examine the players' boots before the commencement of a match, or during the interval."

Wearing soft india rubber on the soles of boots is not a violation of this Law.

Semi-circular toe pieces are legal.

Metal toe plates, though covered with leather, are illegal.

It is the Referee's duty, if asked, to examine the players' boots before the match or during the interval. The Referee must order off the field of play for the remainder of the game any player whom, during the progress of the play, he finds wearing:

(a) Nails not flush with the leather.  
(b) Metal plates or projections.  
(c) Gutta percha on his boots, or on his shin guards.  
(d) Bars on the soles or heels of his boots that do not extend from side to side of the boot, that are less than half an inch wide, more than half an inch deep, and not transverse and flat.

(e) Studs on soles or heels of his boots, not round in plan, less than half an inch in diameter, more than half an inch deep and conical or pointed.

During the progress of a game the Referee can enforce this Law without waiting for an appeal. There is no necessity to report this offence.

The Law includes metal clips or buckles, etc., that are dangerous, either on the boots or shinguards.

It is the duty of players to see

that their boots, etc., are in accordance with this Law, for if the Referee's attention is drawn to the irregularity during the progress of a game, the player may not go and change his boots, but must leave the field altogether, which might be a very serious matter to his side. If doubtful about it, ask the Referee before the match, or during the interval, and he is bound to examine the boots. Players sometimes forget that studs wear away, exposing the nails, which would make them illegal.

Law 13—the duties and powers of the Referee—will receive consideration in next issue, and owing to its length, will be the only Law dealt with. No doubt the majority of those interested in our code, will be surprised at the provisions of the Law, and will, accordingly (it is hoped), give some little assistance to the Referee in his endeavour, to the best of his ability, to carry out his duties, which are not always of a pleasant nature. This is all a referee requests, and should certainly receive.

In reply to a question in last week's issue, "If a lady referee conducts the match, what would be the penalty for UNGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT towards the Referee ?

It is a matter of opinion as to whether the offence (nature of which is not stated fully, but is left to surmise), would be considered ungentlemanly or not. However, I consider the (l)awful penalty to meet the case (as intended) would be to sentence the culprit, if single, to "marry the girl," but in the case of a married man, inform his wife. This should suffice to deter others who might be sore tempted. No doubt the present P. and D. Committee would return the usual finding, for all offences—"Severe censure."

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**RESULTS FOR MONDAY  
JUNE 26th, P. OF W.  
BIRTHDAY 1922.**

**FIRST GRADE.**

Pymont Rangers v. Balmain Fernleigh. Balmain Fernleigh, 3—nil.

Pymont v. Canterbury. Pymont, 3—2.

East Suburbs v. Balmain Gladstones. Gladstone, 2—1.

Gladesville v. Granville. Draw—1 all.

Burns Anniv. v. Campsie Thistle. Burns Anniv., 3—nil.

Auburn v. Lancashire Socy. Auburn, 4—2.

Balmain Scottish v. Com. Dockyard. Balmain Scottish, 2—1.

Sydney v. North Sydney. Sydney, 3—2.

**Second Grade.**

Manly v. Annandale Altona. Annandale Altona, 4—1.

Punchbowl v. N.S.W. Fire Brigade. N.S.W. Fire Brigade, 4—nil.

Botany Albion A v. Gladesville. Botany, 5—2.

Sunlight v. Metters A. Sunlight, 2—0.

Hornsby Athletic, the bye.

Parramatta District v. Two Blues. Two Blues, 4—nil.

Callan Park v. St. George. Callan Park, 3—0.

Hurstville United v. Drummoyne. Drummoyne forfeited.

Rozelle Rovers v. West Sydney B. Draw—1 all.

Abbotsford, the bye.

Punch Park v. Annan. Altona. Punch Park, 4—1.

Metters B v. Railway Thistle. Railway Thistle, 2—1.

West Sydney B v. Botany Albion B. West Sydney forfeited.

Gladesville Hospital v. Garden Is. Garden Is. did not attend.

Pymont Rangers, the bye.

**RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 1st. JULY, 1922  
GARDINER CUP.**

Granville v. Corrimal, Wentworth Oval (Lukeman). Granville, 1—nil.

Commonwealth Dockyard v. Two Blues, Ibrox Park (Bates). Drawn—1 all.

B'main Gladstone v. Ann. Altona, Easton Park (Kerr). B'main Gladstone, 1—nil.

Campsie Thistle v. Burns Anniv., Mascot Park (Alexander). Burns, 3—nil.

Pymont Rangers v. Thirroul, Wentworth Oval (Peaty). Drawn—no score.

Sydney v. Manly, Sydney Cricket Ground (Hargett). Sydney, 5—1.

B'main Fernleigh v. East Subs., Sydney Cricket Ground (Jones). B'main Fernleigh, 5—1.

Pyrmont v. Canterbury, Camp Rec. (Wright). Drawn—2 all.

Balmain Scottish v. Auburn, at Auburn (Gill). Auburn, 3—nil.

North Sydney v. Balgownie, at Woollongong (Balgownie).

Metters v. Lithgow Thistle, at Lithgow.

**Second Grade.**

Botany Albion v. N.S.W. Fire Brigade (Booroorabba). N.S.W. Fire Brigade, 2—nil.

Gladesville v. Punchbowl, Brereton Park (Freeman). Gladesville, 7—1.

Sunlight v. Hornsby Athletic, Easton Park (McDougall). Drawn—2 all.

Annandale Altona, the bye.

All other matches deferred.

Callan Park v. Drummoyne, Callan Park (Skelly). Callan Park, 6—1.

St. George Dist. v. Abbotsford Dist, Cook Park (Read). St. George District, 6—1.

H'ville United v. West Sydney, Dumbleton Park (Rose). West Sydney, 3—nil.

Parramatta District, the bye.

Two Blues v. Rozelle Rovers, deferred.

Gladesville Hospital v. Pyrmont Rangers, at the Hospital (McKinnon). Drawn—1 all.

Annan. Altona v. Garden Island, Brereton Park (McLaren). Annan. Altona forfeited.

Metters v. Botany Alb. Booralee Oval (Golden). Drawn—1 all.

Punch Park v. West Sydney, Ibrox Park (O'Hearn). Punch Park, 3—nil.

Railway Thistle, the bye.

**PREMIERSHIP TABLE.**

**FIRST GRADE.**

**First Division.**

Teams	P	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Pymont	10	9	—	1	30	9	18
Bal. Fernleigh	10	8	—	2	22	9	16
Granville	10	5	2	3	21	10	12
Bal. Gladstone	10	5	1	4	21	17	11
Gladesville	10	3	3	4	16	25	9
Pyr. Rangers	10	4	—	6	11	16	8
East. Subs.	10	1	3	6	16	31	5
Canterbury	10	—	1	9	13	33	—

**Second Division.**

Teams	P	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Bal. Scottish	10	6	3	1	37	15	15
Com. Dockyard	10	7	1	2	18	7	15
Sydney	10	7	1	2	25	14	15
Auburn	10	5	1	4	24	13	11
Burns Anniv.	10	3	4	3	19	13	10
Campsie Thistle	10	3	3	4	14	19	9
North Sydney	10	2	1	7	17	24	5
Lancas. Socy.	10	—	10	6	55		

**SECOND GRADE.**

**A Division.**

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Hornsby Ath.	9	2	6	2	1	25	10	16
Annan. Alt.	9	2	5	2	2	19	10	16
Sunlight	10	1	5	1	4	16	13	14
N.S.W. Fire								
Brigades	10	1	5	1	4	18	21	14
Metters Ltd.	9	1	4	1	4	16	13	14
Gladesville	9	1	3	1	5	16	25	14
Manly	8	1	2	2	4	14	16	14
Botany Albion	8	1	3	—	5	19	12	14
Punchbowl	10	1	2	2	6	14	26	14

**B Division.**

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
P'matta. Dis.	9	2	6	2	1	27	9	14
Callan Park	10	6	3	1	2	34	12	14
West Sydney	10	7	1	2	3	33	9	14
Two Blues	9	1	6	2	1	48	6	14
H'ville United	10	1	5	—	5	14	23	14
Rozelle. Rovs.	9	1	3	3	2	14	14	14
Abbotsfd. Dis.	9	1	1	1	7	11	31	14
Drummoyne	9	1	1	1	7	8	44	14
St. George	9	1	1	1	7	7	48	14

**C Division.**

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	Goals	For Agst.	P
Pyr. Rangers	9	2	7	2	—	37	6	18
Punch Park	10	1	7	1	2	36	21	14
Garden Id.	8	1	5	2	1	14	12	14
Annan. Alt.	10	1	5	1	4	28	20	14
West Sydney	10	1	5	—	5	22	24	14
Glades. Hosp.	9	1	2	4	3	12	14	14
Railway This.	10	2	2	2	6	16	26	14
Botany Alb.	10	1	2	3	5	10	23	14
Metters Ltd.	9	1	—	1	8	6	35	14

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**NEWTOWN v. BALMAIN GLADSTONES.**

These teams met for the second time on Primrose Park on Saturday as the early fixture, their last meeting giving Newtown victory by a small margin of 1 to nil.

Saturday's display was poor; Newtown outclassed their opponents, and won by six goals to nil.

The outstanding feature of the game was the brilliant exposition given by Ellis

## LETTER BAG.

To the Editor.

In your issue of June 24th, over the name of W. Chapman, Secretary of Pyrmont Club, appears a letter, acknowledging the visit from the Lecture Committee of the Referees' Association, in which several very important points, having a strong bearing on the control of our game, are discussed.

I think in some way the interpretations of the Lecture Committee have been misconstrued, and in fairness to all referees who control our various games, and whose duties are at all times open to comment, and also to the spectators who are the critics, the points in question should be made quite clear.

I had hoped that the Lecture Committee would take the matter up and correct the wrong impression conveyed, and so in the interest of the game, and with due deference to that body, I trust you will insert this in the hope that it may dispel any doubt which may have arisen since the article in question appeared.

Clause B of the article in question states:—

"Player throwing ball in should not be penalised unless he gains some advantage from an unfair delivery."

This is incorrect, as in Law 5 Laws of the Game, Instructions to Referees, it is clearly laid down: "If the player does not throw the ball in properly the Referee MUST award a free kick."

Clause D of the article states: "The ball cannot UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES be played twice by the same player."

This is rather ambiguous and misleading, and requires qualifying.

Law 10, Laws of the Game, states in relation to the taking of a free kick:—

"The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player."

"The kick off (except as provided in Rule 2, which relates to the commencement of the game), corner kick, penalty kick, goal kick, and free kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this law."

Clause E of the article touches the most important rule in our game, and reads as follows:—

"The half way line makes no difference in the offside rule when one or either of the opposing backs are in your home territory."

I suppose one could write a page on this Law, there is such a fund of material; and yet when the rule is dissected and mastered it is the simplest to interpret.

The first, last and most important point to remember at all times is the position of the player when the ball was last played as the whole interpretation depends upon that most important factor.

The common failing is to note the position of the player when he receives the ball, and that is why in the majority of cases so much adverse criticism is levelled at our referees.

The half way line is all important in the game; it protects the attackers, and the Law is emphatic on the point, as the official instructions to referees are that, a player who is in his own half of the field at the moment the ball was last played, CANNOT be off side.

A very important point for a player to remember is to keep behind the ball, for in that position a player cannot possibly be off side.

It is one that should appeal to the forwards of a team, who are the match winners, and they should endeavour to educate themselves in that respect, as it would assuredly brighten our game and incidentally improve the play from the spectators' point of view.

The whole fault in this respect is due to over-eagerness on the forwards' part, and, instead of waiting for the pass, rushing forward in anticipation and immediately placing himself in the offside position.

How many times have we seen brilliant forward play nullified at the goal mouth by offside play, when the simple axiom of keeping behind the ball would place any question of offside play beyond any shadow of suspicion.

A player cannot be off side from a goal kick, corner kick, or throw in, but that privilege ceases immediately the ball has been played by the second player.

I have often heard the point raised that the three opponents

necessary to ensure a player being on side must be the two backs and goalkeeper. This is incorrect, as the rule simply says opponents and means any three players of the opposing team.

When an opponent plays the ball any member of the opposing side is on side, irrespective of his position in the field of play.

In conclusion, the strong point I would desire to impress upon players and spectators alike is the position of the player when the ball was last played.

W. LINCOLN,

President, M.S.F.A.

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## GARDINER CUP.

AUBURN v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH

This game, played at Auburn Park, provided a bright and pleasing exhibition of Cup tie order with Auburn always slightly superior as a team. Scottish were aggressive at the start of play, but the home defence tackled solidly, and, after ten minutes' play, Tranter passed forward for Malcolm to open the score for Auburn, with an excellently judged shot into the far corner of the net. A spell of even play followed, both half back lines working well, good placing and tackling being a feature of the game.

A scrimmage in front of Scottish goal, following a centre from Bourke, ended in Reid heading through from close range.

The Scottish right wing was prominent in the second half. Evans twice saved well by tipping the ball over the bar. At the other end, the goalie proved himself a tyro at the game, saving hot shots on several occasions, one stinger from Reid, especially earning the applause of the crowd. With clever combined movement, Auburn worked through the defence, Hagedorn finishing the attack with a shot that gave the goalie no chance, and time came with Auburn victors by three clear goals.

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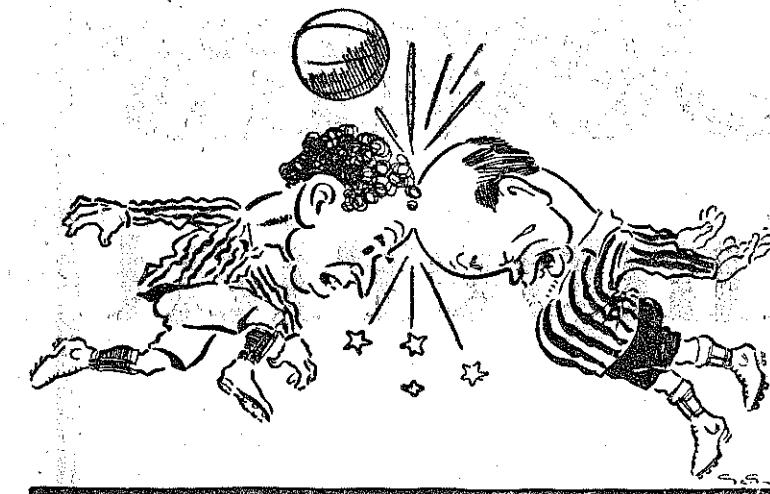
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